ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In accordance with the invention, there is provided a method and apparatus for receiving a streamed zip file and accessing contents of the zip file's central directory. The zip file is made up of a set of files and a central directory. A zip receiver opens up a stream and reads in the zip file. A zip interface is provided to access the contents of the zip file's central directory as the central directory is received by the zip receiver.

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